

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

12. (New) A wiper blade, comprising:

a blade having at least from area to area a friction-reducing coating, the coating including a lubricating varnish which includes a polyurethane and a siloxane;

wherein the coating contains, as a dry lubricant, at least one of graphite, polytetrafluoroethylene, polypropylene, and molybdenum disulfide.

13. (New) The wiper blade according to claim 12, wherein the blade is configured for a windshield wiper.

14. (New) The wiper blade as recited in claim 12, wherein the coating further contains at least one of polyethylene and a polyamide.

15. (New) The wiper blade as recited in claim 12, wherein the dry lubricant has a particle size of less than 30 μm .

16. (New) The wiper blade as recited in claim 12, wherein the coating contains at least 6% by weight of dry lubricant.

17. (New) The wiper blade as recited in claim 12, wherein the lubricating varnish is configured to be applied to the blade as a one-component system.

18. (New) A method for coating a wiper blade, comprising:

plasma pretreating the wiper blade; and

after the plasma pretreating, applying and curing a lubricating varnish.

19. (New) A method for coating a wiper blade, comprising:

applying a varnish or lubricating varnish to a wiper blade; and
after applying the varnish or lubricating varnish, applying a dry lubricant to the varnish or lubricating varnish, the dry lubricant being in one of a dry form, an alcoholic solution, or an aqueous solution.

20. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:

before applying the dry lubricant, temperature treating the varnish or the lubricating varnish to at least one of: i) dry the varnish or lubricating varnish, and ii) thermally crosslink the varnish or the lubricating varnish.

21. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:

after applying the dry lubricant, temperature treating the varnished wiper blade to at least one of: i) dry the varnish or lubricating varnish, and ii) thermally crosslink the varnish or the lubricating varnish.

22. (New) The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising:

extruding the wiper blade, wherein the varnish or the lubricating varnish and the dry lubricant is applied to the wiper blade directly after the extrusion; and
after the applying, vulcanizing the wiper blade.

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising:

vulcanizing an elastomer profile wherein the varnish or the lubricating varnish and the dry lubricant are applied to the vulcanized elastomer profile.